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1. DOSO (Dobrovolna Organizatsiya na Sudeystvie na Otbrana; Voluntary Organization for Defense Assistance) has opened courses in Sofia, Plovdiv, Varna, Burgas, Ruse, and Pleven. The following subjects are covered: firing, parachuting, riding, tanks, warships, motoring, steering gears (sic), rowing and sailing, and air raid precautions.
2. The length of the courses vary from three months for the warships course to five months for parachuting courses and six months for the course on steering gears. The theoretical part is usually taught by means of films. In Varna, these films are shown at the Makedonsk Cinema on Voynishka Street. The course on warships is given aboard the CHUMERNA.
3. Instruction in parachuting, steering gears, motoring, rowing, and sailing is given by civilian instructors. Shooting, riding, tank driving, and courses on warships are given by officers. All the instructors are Bulgarians.
4. Attendance at these courses is obligatory for Communist Party members and for members of DOSO between the ages of 15 and 40. Women with the necessary requirements are permitted to join these courses as volunteers.

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